

Valley of the Moon Trap Club

Bull Shooter

NOVEMBER 2008

Schedule: 2nd Range Open — Trap & Sporting Clays
4th Board Meeting 7pm — 7:45pm (Board Members Only)
General Membership 8pm — 9pm
9th Range Open — Trap & Sporting Clays
16th Range Open — Trap & Sporting Clays
23rd Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot
28th Friday*** Range Open — Trap
30th Range Open — Trap & Sporting Clays

Trap: **Wednesday and Sunday:** Open to the Public 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Fees: Members \$3.00, Non-members \$6.00, juniors (17 and under) \$2.00
Monday thru Saturday (Except Wednesday)
Fees: Members \$15.00 per case of targets, \$10.00 per adult guest (18 years and older), juniors (17 and under) \$5.00.

Sporting Clays: **Sundays Only:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Fees: Members \$5.00, Non-members \$8.00, juniors (17 and under) \$3.00

Pistol / Rifle Range: Range opens at 10am Sunday's, 9am weekdays. Fees: \$5.00 members, \$10.00 adult guests, \$5.00 juniors. **Odd** calendar days are reserved for pistol shooters. **Even** calendar days are reserved for rifle shooters. The range is closed during sporting clays and scheduled events. A reminder: The pistol / Rifle range is for **members only** or guests **accompanied by a member only**. It is not open to the public! (You must sign-in, pay and raise the red flag **before** you start shooting)

Wednesday Shoots: Start around 10ish and continue to 2pm or so. Open to the public for trap shooters only.

Key Contacts: President – John Ginocchio (707) 931-0470 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Only – Please)
Caretaker – Tom Koehn (707) 933-0306
Rifle/Pistol Range Master – Len Stockton (707) 326-4253
Membership – Charlie Marino (707) 933-9536 (5 p.m. to 9pm – Please)
Newsletter – Marv Schmidt (415) 381-8345, Email: marvinschmidt@comcast.net
Sunday Work Coordinator – Jan and Bill Miller (707) 996-5536 E-mail mrsjanim@comcast.net
Accounting & Advertising – Janet Keiser (707) 996-4331
Hunter Safety – Sam Grow, NRA Certified Instructor (707) 648-0410

**Club Hours: 9am to 5pm (9pm during special events). As always, weather permitting.
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THE LATEST BULL!

Well here it is November already and while you ponder that reality, here is the latest update from the moon for your reading enjoyment or your canary's cage liner!

POSITION AVAILABLE We have need of a Horticulturist (a person handy with plants i.e. a "green thumb") who would be willing to take over maintenance of the rose bushes by the caretaker's trailer. This is a great opportunity for someone to fulfill their club work obligation. Interested applicants should contact Jan Miller.

Rifle Pistol Range Schedules The rifle/pistol range is scheduled for use by law enforcement agencies on November 20th and 21st.

Upcoming Events This years Thanksgiving turkey shoot will be held on Sunday, November 23rd. The office will open at 9am and shooting will start at 9:30. A total of 140 turkeys (large) will be available which means 700 tickets will be sold. Past experience has shown that the tickets sell out fast so if you want a chance at a turkey, get there early.

The program will use five trap fields, #1 will be for kids, #2 will be for novices, #3 for intermediate and better shooters, #4 will be wobble targets, and trap #5 will be advanced long handicap shooters.

So come out early, have some safe, shooting fun and enjoy a great lunch as well.

Another Public Day Due to a large number of shooters on this day last year, the club will be open on Friday, November 28th, the day after Thanksgiving for those of you who would rather forego the mall experience of that day.

Token Issues

As most of you who shoot trap regularly on our public days are aware, we have experienced some "teething" problems with the Briley Token systems, mainly the annoying tendency to zero themselves out in the middle of a round. Carl Hagen, our resident guru on these devices working with Briley tech rep Jim Humphrey seem to have isolated the problem to faulty mother boards in two of the systems and these have been replaced.

Those of you who want to shoot trap on non-public days can now use trap 2. You will need to purchase tokens from the office on either Sunday or Wednesday. Tom will open trap 2 when he opens in the morning.

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There will be a cordless voice call set kept in the club house which you will need to move out to the trap and set up. Be sure the trap has plenty of targets before you start shooting. There will be a supply of targets kept in the trap house. Then drop your tokens in the box and go "break 'em all"! When you're finished shooting, please pack up the voice calls and return them to the clubhouse.

If you are shooting by your self you can just use one of the "mics" and just carry it with you from post to post rather than setting out all five speakers.

Skeet Field

The Skeet Field exploratory project committee continues to assess the possibilities of establishing a skeet facility at the club. A site has been surveyed and markers and stakes can be seen overlaying trap field 7. A go-no go decision will be determined at a future board meeting.

For additional information contact Lou Lori at (707) 833-1122.

Ted's Corner

"Hey! We need office/clubhouse/all around help on Wednesdays and Sundays (3 to 4 hours a.m.). Perfect for retired or any guys and gals with too much time on their hands. This is an easy way to fulfill your club duty obligations and get some time away from the computer, TV, or honey-do list(s). Contact John, Jan and Bill, or Ted for scheduling....."



NRA

Don't forget that when your NRA Dues need renewing; you may pay through the club and save \$10 off the regular membership cost. Contact John, Ted, or Marv.

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Second Amendment, U.S. Constitution....

VOMTC WEBSITE

The newsletter is back on the web site for your click and view pleasure. Due to the large number of members with e-mail addresses (about 40%), the newsletter will only be mailed to non-e-mail members with a limited number of copies available at the clubhouse.

Workers Corner

On the 2nd Wed. of each month, we will be choosing people to work on Sundays.

If you have not signed up by then, your name might be picked for a date that is not good for you. Remember, you can always call or e-mail us to choose a work date.

We still need 3 workers for the 11/23 Turkey shoot & 7 for the 12/21 Xmas shoot.

Thanks for your help. Jan & Bill Miller

<u>WORKERS CORNER</u>			
<u>NOVEMBER</u>		<u>DECEMBER</u>	
2 ND	John Donald Rich Whitestone Terry Melberg	7 TH	Russ Hubbard Mike Malone Ernie Piantanida
9 TH	Ralph Campana Dan Canet Rich Whitestone	14 TH	Phil De Shazo Kent Payne Ernie Piantanida
16 TH	Ralph Campana Jim Riley Joe Burroughs	21 ST MEAT SHOOT	C. Flandi G. Bradshaw Floyd Dean Errol Hinton Norm Malfatti Terry Melberg Jim Tremari John Woodward
23 RD MEAT SHOOT	K. Flandi, G. Bradshaw, Campana, Dean Debois, Hinton, Malfatti, Sides, Strohmeier, J. Tremari, J. Woodward Otto Stelling Iain Wilson	28 TH	Steve Barloggi Ernie Piantanida Joe Turner
30 TH	David Parker Gene Kelly John Spence		

Remember it is your responsibility to be there on your assigned day promptly at 9 a.m. to set-up the range and get assignments for the day. If you are unable to make your assigned date, it is **your responsibility** to find another club member to replace you or pay a \$50.00 fine per club rules.

It is easier for us and better for you to pick your dates you know you can work rather than us assigning you a date. There are 3 easy ways of signing up.

- Sign up on the calendar at the clubhouse, or
- Call (707) 996- 5536 or (preferred) e-mail mrsjanim@comcast.net
- **As a very important last reminder, in order to receive credit for working, you “must” sign the work log located in the club house.** Please write

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the total hours worked (“all day” is not a viable answer). Please be sure to print your name legibly and “sign” the log to insure that you receive credit for working.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome new members Bill Boyd, Richard Lederer, Donald Ridenhour, and Fred Wiedeman to the club.

COMPONENTS SALES

The component room hours are from 12 noon to 1pm on Sundays and Wednesdays. Due to limited availability of shot, we are limiting purchases to 100 lbs per member (4 bags) per month at \$33 per bag. Cheddite primers have gone up again to \$29 per thousand, or \$145 per case of 5,000.

Estate, Federal, and FIOCCHI shells will now be \$6.50 per box of 25 and \$60 per flat of ten boxes.

Fire Arm Safety

When we are on the trap and or sporting clays line please keep an eye out especially when new and or young shooters are present to ensure that safe firearm procedures are adhered to, i.e. loading no more than one shell in the gun (trap), or no more than two shells (clays), no changing stations with a shell in the gun or the action closed, pointing a gun any direction other than down range. If any deviations of these common sense rules are observed, please politely inform the shooter of the proper way to do things. Stress firearm safety from the start and it will become a safe habit. We want safe, happy shooters here!

While on the subject of safety and to some degree, sanity, Lou Lori placed a shop broom with a steel handle in the rifle/pistol range area for the convenience of shooters sweeping up their brass and debris after shooting.

Unfortunately, Lou discovered the hard way that someone had used the handle for target practice when he severely cut his hand on the jagged exit hole on the back of the handle. **THANKS MORON!!!**



Happy Thanksgiving!